

Ex 32 - Excerpts of the Deposition of Michael Oriente taken 7/19/18 in MDL 2804

Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment on
Proximate Causation Grounds

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
3 EASTERN DIVISION
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23 Videotaped deposition of
24 MICHAEL ORIENTE, taken pursuant to
notice, was held at the law offices of
Weitz & Luxenberg, 700 Broadway, New York
New York, beginning at 9:01 a.m., on the
above date, before Michelle L. Gray, a
Registered Professional Reporter,
Certified Shorthand Reporter, Certified
Realtime Reporter, and Notary Public.
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1 when we start off, I want to understand
2 your position from everything that we
3 have heard, McKesson played zero role in
4 causing the opioid crisis that we have in
5 America today?

6 MS. HENN: Objection to
7 form.

8 BY MR. KENNEDY:

9 Q. Is that correct? And that's
10 a clear yes or no.

11 A. I don't believe we caused
12 it.

13 Q. I didn't say that. Did you
14 play a role --

15 MS. HENN: Counsel.

16 BY MR. KENNEDY:

17 Q. My question is very simple.
18 Would you agree that McKesson played a
19 role, they didn't cause it all, but
20 played a role in the crisis that we have
21 in America today as it relates to
22 prescription opioids?

23 MS. HENN: And, Counsel, I
24 would just ask that you let the

1 witness finish his answers.

2 MR. KENNEDY: I'm sorry.

3 THE WITNESS: We did play a
4 role as a distributor, yes.

5 MR. KENNEDY: That's all I'm
6 asking.

7 MS. HENN: Are you done with
8 your answer?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am.
10 Thank you.

11 BY MR. KENNEDY:

12 Q. Now, let me ask you -- I
13 want to -- there may be some things that
14 we can very easily agree upon. All
15 right? Because I want to ask you about
16 what McKesson knew or should have known
17 what was going on in America as we
18 continue to discuss what they did and
19 didn't do. All right?

20 A. All right.

21 Q. Late '90s, early 2000s, we
22 have an opioid crisis in the United
23 States of America. True?

24 A. I'm not familiar that far